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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] COLONEL JOSE CHAVEZ CACERES

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TEXT:

1. [REDACTED] COLONEL JOSE (CHAVEZ)) CACERES,
FORMER HEAD OF THE FIFTH BRIGADE AND PRESENT SALVADORAN
MILITARY ATTACHE TO GUATEMALA.

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REPORTEDLY [REDACTED] WAS CORRUPT, INEFFECTIVE, AND HAD LITTLE SUPPORT
FROM THE JUNIOR OFFICER CORPS. OF PARTICULAR NOTE IS THE
SUSPICION THAT HE MAY HAVE HAD A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE 1988
SAN SEBASTIAN MASSACRES. IN MARCH 1989 THE MILITARY HONOR
BOARD CONCLUDED THAT CHAVEZ, WHO HAD BEEN SUSPENDED FROM DUTY
PENDING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MASSACRE, HAD NO PART IN THE
KILLINGS AND HE WAS REINSTATED AS COMMANDER OF THE FIFTH
BRIGADE. [REDACTED] (THE SAN SEBASTIAN MASSACRE
OCCURRED ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1988, WHEN SOLDIERS OF THE FIFTH
BRIGADE EXECUTED 10 CAPTURED INSURGENTS NEAR SAN SEBASTIAN. A
MAJOR WHO WAS CHARGED WITH ORDERING THE MASSACRE HAS IN FACT
ACCUSED CHAVEZ OF ISSUING THE ORDER.)

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